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FEBRUARY 20, 1998

LETTER FROM DR. BERNARD ROSTKER TO HON. JOHN D.
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Honorable John D. Rockefeller IV
Ranking Democrat Member,
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Rockefeller:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 3, 1998, to Dr. Bernard Rostker. We agree the Gulf War veterans' inpatient records addressed in your letter may supplement the medical information provided to patients incident to inpatient hospitalizations. These records, which were recently reviewed during our ongoing investigation, may provide additional information to those veterans who were hospitalized and do not have their personal medical records. We are preparing a plan to notify Gulf War veterans of the records and of the process to follow to access the records. We intend to coordinate our plan with the National Archives and Records Administration. We will keep you informed of our progress and will provide our plan just as soon as it is available.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Kelly Sharbel (703-695-2503) from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). A similar letter has been sent to Senator Arlen Specter, the Committee Chairman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernard Rostker".

Bernard Rostker